

## **Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force**

### **Work Group Monthly Report**

Work Group Name: #5, Hospitals/ER

Work Group Leader: Joshua Lynch, DO, FACEP

Work Group Chair: Same

Work Group Meeting Schedule: Monthly (first Monday at 10am mostly)

Summary of meetings/Activities: Key objectives below:

- Increase direct access to naloxone in ED
  - ECMC, MFSH, DeGraff, BGMC on board
  - Working on Catholic health, VA, WCHOB
  - Next tier will be Bertrand Chaffee, Lakeshore, etc
- Work to coordinate linkage to treatment from ED
  - Identifying what resources are already in place (health homes, etc)
  - Identify someone at ED 24/7 that can be point person to facilitate linkage to treatment
    - Same day linkage?
  - Work to go live with pilot project at ECMC/MFSH for patient call backs to facilitate treatment linkage
- Next steps
  - VNA, home health dispense naloxone kits to high risk patients
    - Lots of obstacles here
  - EMS linkage to treatment for patients who refuse transport
  - Work with large group to produce an accurate “list” of referrals
    - Many people have different lists

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Support needed?

- May need support to allow for nurses to dispense kits (especially outside of the hospital). May be missing a large group of people who could benefit (that are VNA patients, etc).